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SUBJECT: BICENTENNIAL: AMBASSADOR KREKELER'S US VISIT

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1. FRG BICENTENNIAL COORDINATOR KREKELER WILL MAKE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE US FEBRUARY 23 THROUGH MARCH 26, 1975. HIS SCHEDULE IS FIRM AND IS BUILT AROUND VISITS TO MOST OF THE GERMAN CONSULATES IN THE US. THE GERMAN EMBASSY (KALKBRENNER) WILL BE ASKED TO COORDINATE HIS SCHEDULE HENCE NO CU FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE WILL BE REQUIRED, EXCEPT FOR SOME APPOINTMENTS IN WASHINGTON AND SUGGESTIONS RE WORTHWHILE CONTACTS ALONG THE WAY. HIS OBJECTIVE IS TO DEVELOP BICENTENNIALLY ORIENTED GERMAN-AMERICAN EXCHANGE PROJECTS (BETWEEN CITIES, SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS, MEDIA, SCHOOLS, ETC.) AND TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES OF GERMAN PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL US BICENTENNIAL EVENTS. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE. HIS SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

FEB 22 : ARRIVE WASHINGTON

FEB 24-26 : WASHINGTON

FEB 27-MARCH 1 : NEW YORK

MARCH 2 : TRENTON (PRIVATE VISIT)

MARCH 3 : PHILADELPHIA

MARCH 4 : BOSTON

MARCH 5-6 : DETROIT

MARCH 7 : CHICAGO

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MARCH 8-9 : ST. LOUIS

MARCH 10-16 : SAN FRANCISCO AND YOSEMITE
(REST STOP)
MARCH 17-18 : LOS ANGELES
MARCH 19-23 : AUSTIN, TEXAS
MARCH 24-26 : ATLANTA
MARCH 26 (EVENING): RETURN TO MUNICH.

2. IN WASHINGTON HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE ABOVE ALL MESSRS. WARNER, BLUE AND ADELMAN, ARBA. SINCE ADMINISTRATOR WARNER IS TIED UP FEBRUARY 25 AND 26 AND MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR A MEETING ON FEBRUARY 24, KREKELER WOULD BE WILLING TO SCHEDULE MARCH 26 THROUGH MID-AFTERNOON IN WASHINGTON. ADVISE. THERE WOULD BE MERIT IN INCLUDING HIM IN SOME OF THE DISCUSSIONS AND/OR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES PLANNED IN CONNECTION WITH THE MEETING OF REGIONAL BICENTENNIAL DIRECTORS, FEBRUARY 25-26.

3. IN ADDITION, HE WOULD LIKE TO AND OUGHT TO MEET WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHARDSON AND AIDES, WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN USIA, WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION (RIPLEY, RINZLER, AND FESTLER), WITH THE HEAD OF SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL, AND WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH INTERNATIONAL SPORTS.

4. HE IS VERY ANXIOUS TO MEET WITH VICE-PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER WHO IS A CLOSE FRIEND OF HIS FROM HIS DAYS AS FRG AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON. IN VIEW OF KREKELER'S STATUS, FUNCTION, AND FORMER RELATIONSHIP TO ROCKEFELLER, WE RECOMMEND THAT A SERIOUS EFFORT BE MADE TO ARRANGE SUCH AN APPOINTMENT. IN ADDITION, WE RECOMMEND AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE WHITE HOUSE ADVISOR ON BICENTENNIAL AFFAIRS.

5. ALL WASHINGTON APPOINTMENTS SHOULD BE COORDINATED WITH KALKBRENNER.
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